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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Dissolving this present Parliament, and Declaring the speedy Calling another.

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WHereas *Our Loving Subjects have Universally, by their Loyal Addresses, Expressed their Resentment of the Injustice and Indignity offered to Us and Our People, by the late Proceedings of the* French *King, in taking upon him to Own and Declare the Pretended Prince of* Wales *to be King of* England, Scotland, *and* Ireland; *and have thereby also, in the most Dutiful manner, Expressed their Affection to Our Person and Government, and their steady Resolution at this time to do all things which can be desired from good* English *Men and Protestants: We have received the same with great Satisfaction, and have thought it Reasonable, in this Extraordinary Juncture, to give Our Subjects the Opportunity of Choosing such Persons to Represent them in Parliament, as they may judge most likely to bring to effect their Just and Pious Purposes; and in order thereto to Dissolve this Present Parliament, which now stands Prorogued to* Thursday *the Thirteenth Day of this Instant* November: *We do therefore, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, Publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby Dissolve the said Parliament accordingly; And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the said Parliament are hereby Discharged from their Meeting on* Thursday *the said Thirteenth Day of this Instant* November. *And We do hereby make Known to Our said Subjects, That We do Intend to give Directions to the Keeper of Our Great Seal for the Issuing out of Writs in due Form of Law, for the Calling of a New Parliament, which shall begin and be holden at* Westminster *on* Tuesday *the Thirtieth Day of* December *next.*

Given at Our Court at *Hampton-Court* the Eleventh Day of *November*, 1701. In the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

Hampton-Court, Nov. 12. The following Address from the Corporation of *Marleborough*, was presented to His Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Ranelagh*, and *John Jeffreys* Esq; introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Somerset*.

To His most Excellent Majesty William *III by the Grace of God, of* England, Scotland, France, *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

The humble Address of the Corporation of Marlborough *in the County of* Wilts.

THE *French* King, that grand Invader of the Liberties of *Europe*, having violated the Articles of Peace concluded at *Ryswick*, by Proclaiming the pretended Prince of *Wales* King of all Your Majesty's Dominions, except *France*; We therefore, Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Magistrates, and Sworn Burgesses, of the Corporation of *Marleborough* in the County of *Wilts*, do humbly implore Your most Sacred Majesty, to assist Your Allies with such Fleets and Armies, as may Chastise the Insolence of that haughty Monarch, so far as to make him know, that not only his Grandson the Duke of *Anjou* has no Title to the Crown of *Spain*, but that even the Crown he wears himself is an Appendix to the Crown of *England*; for the maintenance of which, and all other Your Majesty's Dominions, we are ready to sacrifice both our Estates and Lives; (heartily congratulating Your Majesty's safe Return.) We, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray for Your Long Life and Victorious Reign. In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal this 7th day of *November*, in the 13th year of Your Majesty's Reign.

The Lord Bishop of *London*, with the Clergy of the City of *London*, attended His Majesty with the following Address.

To His most Sacred Majesty William *the Third, by the Grace of God, King of* England, Scotland, France, *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith, &c.*

The humble Address of the Bishop and Clergy of the City of London.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Bishop and Clergy of Your City of London, do, with our most hearty thanks to Almighty GOD, Congratulate Your Majesty's safe Return to us, and wish there had been no other Occasion for this present Address, but to have given Your Majesty the reapeated Assurances of our Fidelity and Zeal, for the Safety and Prosperity of Your Sacred Person and Government.

But the Accounts we have received of the late strange Proceedings of the French King, in unduly taking upon himself to set up the pretended Prince of Wales for King of England, Scotland, and Ireland; as it gives us a just Indignation at the great Injury and Indignity offered to Your Majesty, so we think it our Duty, upon this Occasion, to give Your Majesty fresh Assurances of our steady Loyalty, which no such Pretences or Attempts shall ever alter.

We are too sensible, Great Sir, of our late danger of Popery and Arbitrary Power, and of the great Goodness of GOD, in delivering us, by advancing Your Majesty to the Throne, to be so unthankful to GOD, and so ungrateful to our Deliverer, as to court new Dangers.

And we beseech Almighty God, that all our Fellow Subjects may heartily concur with us in our Real and daily Prayers, and utmost Endeavours, according to our several Capacities and Stations, to break the Power, and disappoint the Evil designs of all Your Majesty's Enemies, and make Your Reign happy and glorious, which GOD grant may be long over us.

The following Address from the Lord Bishop and the Clergy of *Exon*, was presented to His Majesty by Dr. *Knipe*, Dr. *Lake*, and Dr. *Atterbury*, introduced by the Rt. Hon. Mr. Secretary *Hedges*.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most Loyal Subjects, the Bishop, Dean, and Chapter, and the whole Clergy of the Diocese of Exon, do most humbly beg Your Majesty to accept these Unfeigned Assurances of our great Joy for Your happy Return; and graciously to receive our utter Detestation and Abhorrence of that greatest of Injuries done lately to Your Majesty's just Title to the Imperial Crown of these Realms, and to the future Descent of it, according to the Act of Settlement, in the Protestant Line, by the French King's publickly declaring, (as if by him Kings Reigned) the pretended Prince of Wales King of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

We hope, that as Your Majesty was pleased to express a full Satisfaction in the late Wise and Sedate Resolutions of Your Parliament, to stand by Your Majesty in the Alliances You shall make for the Preservation of the Protestant Religion and the Peace of Europe; so when they shall meet again, Your Majesty will find in them the same chearful Readiness, to assist Your Majesty with such necessary Supplies, as under God's Providence may be effectual to the Reducing the exorbitant Power of the French King, and rendering him unable hereafter to disturb the Peace of Europe, or bring upon us those Miseries Your Majesty lately rescu'd us from, the loss of our true Religion and legal Liberties.

And as to our selves in particular, we do assure Your Majesty, That we will, according to the Duties of our several Stations, contribute what in us lies towards the Accomplishment of so glorious an End.

The following Address from the City of *Chichester*, was presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Duke of *Richmond*.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the City of Chichester, *in Common-Council assembled, the 15th day of* October, *in the 13th year of Your Majesty's Reign,*

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, out of a deep sense of the *French* King's continual Intrusion, and Exorbitant Lust of Universal Power and Dominion, and more especially in that of proclaiming and endeavouring to set another King over this Realm; thereby to Dethrone Your Majesty, and destroy the Protestant Religion, (which are the greatest Glories and Beauties of the *English* Nation:) Therefore we cannot forbear unfeignedly to signalize our true fidelity and firm adherence to Your Majesty, and with our utmost Endeavours Assist and Defend Your Sacred Person and Government against Popery, and all Your Majesty's most Implacable Enemies whatsoever.

The following Address from the Town of *Chippenham*, was presented to His Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Peterborough*.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of the Bayliff, and Burgesses, of Your [illegible] rough and Town Corporate of *Chippenham*, in the County of [illegible]

Great Sir,

AS *next to our Religion, nothing is dearer to us than the Preservation of Your Majesty's Sacred Person and Government; both which are at this time immediately threatned by the* French *King's Boldness, in owning the pretended Prince of* Wales *King of* England, Scotland, *and* Ireland, *which we cannot but resent at the highest Indignity to Your Majesty, and therefore the nearest Concern of all Your Loyal Subjects.*

We believe there was never a first Parliament, more Ready to Express the Assurances of our utmost Zeal and Fidelity to Your Majesty, than Your Courage and Conduct we recovered our expiring Liberties; to whose Care and mild Government we owe all the Blessings a People can enjoy.

We therefore, as in Duty bound, sincerely and unanimously assure Your Majesty, That we are of the number of your most Loyal Subjects, and that we are equally concerned for your Royal Person and our Liberties; which we do not doubt but the grand Body of the Nation, the Representatives we have met, will make their chief Concern, by enabling Your Majesty to reduce the exorbitant Power of France, *in making you the happy Instrument of preserving* Europe, *and its Liberties, the Protestant Religion, and the Succession of the Crown, as by Law established. In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands, and affixed our Common Seal, the 31st day of* October, *in the 13th Year of your Majesty's most Gracious Reign.*

The following Address from the County of *Northumberland*, was presented to His Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Scarborough*, Lord Lieutenant of [illegible]

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Representation of your Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace, of your County of *Northumberland*, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held by Adjournment, at the *Moot Hall* in the said County, on the 28th of *October*, 1701.

Great Sir,

WE your Majesty's Faithful and Obedient Subjects, having deep and lasting Impressions of Duty engraven upon us to your Majesty, the great and glorious Instru-

Instrument of preserving our Religion, Laws, and Liberties, when they were upon the Brink of Ruine and Destruction, think our selves loudly called upon at this time, to render to your Majesty further instances of our Loyalty and Fidelity, when the French King hath so lately expressed his Enmity to your Majesty's Crown and Dignity, by declaring and setting up the pretended Prince of Wales, in opposition to your Royal Throne; the Thoughts of which is Odious to, and Abhorred by, all your good Subjects. And we do most humbly assure your Majesty, That we will sincerely and heartily stand by and assist your Majesty to the Utmost of our Power and Abilities, against all your Enemies, whether at Home or Abroad, and earnestly implore Almighty GOD to give you a long and prosperous Reign over us; and that by your Majesty's Victorious Arms, the Restless, Ambitious, and Aspiring Greatness of your Neighbouring Monarch may be humbled, and reduced to his own Confines and Territories, who looks upon the Felicity and Prosperity of the Kingdoms nigh him, to be only a Diminution to his Glory.

The two following Addresses from the County of *Nottingham*, and the Borough of *East Retford*, were presented to His Majesty by *William Gilby* Esq;

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, the Deputy Lieutenants, the Justices of the Peace, and major part of the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury for the County of *Nottingham*, at the Assizes holden at *Nottingham*, the Eighth day of *August*, 1701. And also other Gentlemen of the said County.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loayl Subjects, being sensible of the great Deliverance which GOD hath wrought for us by your Majesty's Conduct, and the Blessings we enjoy by your Majesty's Government in the Preservation of our Religion and Liberties; and we firmly believe, nothing can be more conducing to our Safety in this time of Danger, than our entire Dependence upon your Majesty's Prudence and Care of this Nation. The present Union of France and Spain threaten us with dreadful Consequences, the ruine of our Trade, the loss of our Plantations, the overthrow of our Liberties, and the extirpation of the Protestant Religion. All Europe seem astonished to see the French King on a sudden Master of the whole Spanish Monarchy, and ready to oppress and enslave all his Neighbours. We are sadly sensible how much time hath been lost for preventing these Evils.

And we think it entirely our Safety, as well as our Duty, to assure your Majesty, That we shall to the utmost of our Power stand by and assist your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes, in supporting such Alliances as your Majesty shall think fit to make for maintaining the Ballance of Europe, and reducing the extravagant Power of France, either by Force or otherwise.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Burgesses, of your Antient Borough and Corporation of East-Retford *in the County of* Nottingham.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE being entirely satisfied in the Justice of your Majest'ys Title to the Crown of these Realms, and that the preservation of our Religion and Liberties are (next under God) owing to your Care and Conduct, cannot but highly Resent the Affront put upon your Majesty, by the *French* King's acknowledging the pretended Prince of *Wales*, King of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, which we believe he hath been encouraged to by the advantages already received, and hereafter Expected, from the favour and assistance of a Party within these Realms, who, by their false Representations of their own strength, have drawn him into measures for the Uniting Spain and France, and Enslaving Europe, which we hope they are too inconsiderable to Support. And we do assure your Majesty, that we will firmly adhere to your Majesty, and the Succession in the Protestant Line as now established; and will always endeavour to choose such Representatives, as laying aside all Faction and Party, will, without delay, from time to time assist your Majesty with such supplies as shall be requisite to enable you to support your Crown and Dignity, the Liberty of these Kingdoms, the Protestant Religion, and the Ballance of *Europe*, against the united Powers of *France* and *Spain*, the Pretended Prince of *Wales*, and all Opposers whatsoever. In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal this Twenty Seventh Day of *October*, in the Thirteenth Year of your Majesty's Reign, which we pray God may long Continue.

The following Address from the City of *Exeter*, was presented to His Majesty by Sir *Edward Seymour* Bar.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff, Common-Council, Freeholders, and Inhabitants, of Your Ancient and Loyal City and County of Exon.

Sir,

THE common Tribute of Subjects being too mean an Offering for Your Majesty, the best and most glorious of Princes, inspired with a Zeal for Your Majesty's Honour and Interest, befitting the Subjects of the Greatest of Kings; we humbly beg leave, at this time especially, in the most Solemn and Dutiful manner, to make Your Majesty a Tender, as of our most grateful Aknowledgment of Your Majesty as our Lawful and Rightful King of these Your Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, so of our Lives and Estates, in asserting and maintaining Your Majesty's Title to Your said Kingdoms, and defence of Your Sacred Person and Government, (Blessings never to be sufficiently valued) against the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and the unjust, and vain Attempts of the *French* King, and their Abettors.

As your Majesty's Intrinsick Worth, your Zeal for us your People and our Interest, and above all, for the Faith and Religion we profess, (of which as your Majesty is stiled, so from the mighty Deliverance we have received at your hands, you ought more eminently to be called the Defender) have endeared your Majesty to us, and all other your Subjects; so we doubt not, but they will procure from Almighty God Success on all your Undertakings, Victory over all your Enemies, the Blessings of Peace and Plenty, and your Majesty a long and happy Reign over us.

The following Address from the Borough of *Bradwnch*, was presented to His Majesty by the Hon. *John Greenville* Esq;

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, and Burgesses, of the Borough and Manor of Bradninch *in the County of* Devon.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Burgesses, and other your Tenants, of your Majesty's ancient Borough and Mannor of *Bradninch* in the County of *Devon*; do in all humility crave leave to protest to Your Sacred Majesty, our unanimous Resentments of the great Indignity offered to Your Majesty by the *French* King, in giving the Title of King of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, to the pretended Prince of *Wales*: And upon this occation to declare, That we shall always, to the utmost of our power, Defend Your Majesty's Sacred Person and Government, (as we esteem our selves bound to do, both by our Tenure and Allegiance) against the aforenamed pretended Prince of *Wales*, and all other Enemies to the present legal Establishment both in Church and State.

The following Address from the County of *Glouceſter*, was presented to His Majesty by *John Howe* Esq; and Sir *Richard Cox* Bar.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and Gentlemen of the County of Glouceſter, *assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held for the said County, the 7th day of* October, 1701.

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, do, with greatest humility, beg leave to offer to Your Majesty our most sincere Acknowledgments for the signal Care and Affection Your Majesty has been pleased upon all Occations to exert for the Preservation of our Religion, Liberties and Laws, and particularly your most just Resentment of the Unreasonable and Insolent Proceeding of the French King, (in giving those Royal Titles which are due only to Your Majesty, to the pretended Prince of Wales, upon the death of the late King James,) in Vindication as well of the Safety and Honour of these Kingdoms, as Your own Glory.

We entirely approve of the repeated Assurances given Your Majesty by our Representatives in Parliament, to support Your Majesty in all such Alliances as You shall judge proper to make for the Preservation of the Liberties of Europe, against the Exorbitant Power of France; and esteem our selves extreamly happy to find those Assurances were honoured with such gracious Acceptance from Your Majesty; being unalterably determined to expose whatever may be most dear to us in Defence of Your Majesty's Sacred Person, so piously engaged in so Glorious a Cause, against all Your Enemies, and to maintain and support Your Majesty's undoubted Right to the Imperial Crown of these kingdoms, against all Pretenders whatsoever.

The Justices of the Peace of the Country of *Middlesex* attended His Majesty with the following Address, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Bedford*.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Justices of the Peace of the County of Middlesex, *Assembled at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace held for the said County, on* Thursday *the Ninth of this Instant* October. *And the Grand-Jury of the said County for the same Sessions.*

Great Sir,

WE humbly beg Leave to assure Your *Majesty*, That we do not only heartily concur with Your Loyal City of *London*, and those other Places who have had earlier Opportunities in expressing their just Resentment of the Perfidious Presumption of the *French* King, in taking upon him to dispose of Your *Majesty's* Kingdoms, by setting up the pretended Prince of *Wales*; but also that we will, to our Utmost assist Your *Majesty*, in Vindicating of Your *Majesty's* Rightful and Lawful Title to the Imperial Crowns of Your *Majesty's* Kingdoms, against the pretended Prince of *Wales*, and all other Your *Majesty's* Enemy's whomsoever. Dated in open Sessions this Ninth day of *October*, *Anno Dom.* 1701.

The following Address from the Borough of *Higham Ferrers*, was presented to His Majesty by *Tho. Pemberton* and *John Ekins* Esqs; being introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Keeper.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Steward, Capital Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of Your Majesty's Loyal Corporation of Higham-Ferrers *in the County of* Northampton.

WE cannot, Great Sir, but with the highest Indignation, resent the unpardonable Affront offered to Your *Majesty*, and these your Kingdoms, by your Ancient and Professed Enemy the *French* King, in proclaiming an Obscure Person, King of your *Majesty's* Dominions, of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*; whom your *Majesty*, by your Heroick and Invincible Arms had forced so solemnly to disown, in the Treaty at *Ryswick*, by acknowledging your *Majesty's* most Rightful and Lawful Title to these your *Majesty's* Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*.

Out of an unfeigned Zeal to your *Majesty's* Service, we therefore humbly crave Leave to assure your *Majesty*, That we will, to the Utmost of our Power, Assist and Defend your *Majesty's* Royal Person, and endeavour to Support the Government, as Established by the late Act of Parliament for Setting the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, against all your *Majesty's* Enemies whatsoever, and the Disturbers of your Kingdom's Peace.

The following Address from the Borough of *Brackley*, was presented to His Majesty by the Hon. *Cha. Edgerton* Esq; and the Hon. *Harry Mordaunt* Esq;

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the antient Corporation of *Brackley* in *Northamptonshire.*

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful Subjects of this antient Corporation, who appeared very early in owning and declaring your Rightful and Lawful Title to these Crowns (a point, as it appears by the French King's late De-

Declaration, not only to your Prejudice otherwise determined abroad, but even controverted and denied by some of our mistaken Countrymen at home, who at the same time unreasonably pretend to an equal share in Your Majesty's Affections) knowing how much it is the Right of the People, under apprehensions of Danger, to Address to your Majesty, do humbly take hold of this Occasion of laying our Fears and Jealousies before you; which at this deplorable Juncture are so many and so very great, (considering the exorbitant Power of France *abroad, and the unfortunate Misunderstandings among some of our selves at home) that they are enough to make any men (but* English *men) under any Prince (but your Majesty) abandon themselves to despair. But having it gratefully fresh in our Memories, how at the Revolution, by the Divine Appointment and Call of the People) you hastened over (exposed to all Dangers) to rescue us from the Tyranny of an unfortunate Prince, who (by the fatal and pernicious Counsels of that Ministry then in being) had broke through all our Laws, undermin'd our Constitution, endanger'd our Religion, and (but wonderfully prevented by you) had inevitably enslav'd us all; so at this time, though we labour under the worst of Apprehensions, we doubt not, and therefore entirely depend upon it, That Your Majesty will persevere in compleating our Deliverance.*

And as there are some Princes whom no manner of Treatis, though never so sacred, can bind, we hope (in avoiding all farther fatal Delays) we shall suddenly see Your Majesty (by the chearful Concurrence and hearty Assistance of a good Parliament) with your Sword in hand (that Ballance of Europe) *compel such wavering Princes to those steady Terms as may conduce to a lasting Peace.*

And as there is nothing can contribute so much to our Security, as the Preservation of Your Majesty's Person, and a true and right Understanding between you and your People, it shall be the daily Subect matter of our Devotions, in our humble Addresses to His Divine Majesty, That he will protect and ensure his own Vicegerent, and grant our Senatours Wisdom.

The following Address from the City of *Oxford*, was presented to His Majesty by *Henry Bertie* and *Robert Bertie* Esqs;

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty, of the City of *Oxford*, in the County of *Oxford*.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE are highly sensible how much it is our Duty to express our utmost Resentment of the great Indignity offered to your most Sacred Majesty by the French *King, in suffering the pretended Prince of* Wales *to be proclaimed by the Title of King of* England, Scotland, *and* Ireland, *contrary to your Majesty's most Just and Lawful Title to these Kingdoms, which by your Valour and Conduct the* French *King himself hath been forced to Acknowledge: And it is with great Satisfaction that we reflect upon the Zeal that our Representatives have shewed for your Majesty's Service, in the Care they have taken duly to represent to your Majesty whatever might be necessary for our Safety at home, and the repeated Assurances they have given your Majesty, effectually to Assist and Support your Majesty in such Alliances as should be most proper for the Preservation of the Liberties of* Europe.

We do sincerely and unanimously assure your Majesty, that we will, at all times, be ready to concur with them in whatever shall be necessary for your Majesty's Service, and the Security of the Protestant Religion, and heartily contribute whatever lies in our Power for the Preservation of your Majestys Sacred Person, (whom GOD long preserve) and the Defence of your Majesty's Just Rights, in opposition to all Invaders of your Crown and Dignity.

The following Address from the Town of *Harwich*, was presented to His Majesty by Sir *Tho Davall*, and *Dennis Lyddall* Esq;

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses, of the Borough of Harwich, *in the County of* Essex.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, duly considering Your unquestionable Right and Title Your Sacred Majesty has to these Your Majesty's Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the unspeakable Happiness and Blessings which we enjoy under Your Sacred Majesty's most happy Government and Reign over us, which Almighty God long continue; we cannot without the greatest Reflection and Detestation resent the intollerable Proceedings of the *French* King, in proclaiming and setting up a pretended Prince of *Wales*, in opposition to Your Majesty; endeavouring thereby to devest Your Sacred Majesty of Your Lawful and Undoubted Right and Title to these Kingdoms, and to subvert this Government, and destroy our Religion, Rights, and Liberties, which Your Majesty has been so careful of, and exposed Your Royal Person, to the great Hazards and most eminent Dangers to secure. We do humbly assure Your Majesty, of our unfeigned Loyalty, and upon all Occasions, with our Lives and Fortunes, to the utmost of our Power, shall be always ready, as in Duty bound, to be aiding and assisting in the Defence of Your Royal Person, State, and Government, now by Law established; and humbly beseech Almighty God for the continuance of Your Majesty's long Life and happy Reign over us.

The following Address from the Borough of *Ashburton*, was presented to His Majesty by Sir *Walter Yonge* Bar.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Portreeve, Bayliff, Freeholders, and others, Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of Ashburton in the County of Devon, do, in all humility, esteem our selves in Duty and Allegiance bound to maintain and defend Your undoubted Right and Title to the Imperial Crowns of these Your Kingdoms, and Countries thereunto belonging: Although the French King, contrary to his Solemn Treaties, has owned and declared the pretended Prince of Wales to be King of Great Britain and Ireland; we do sincerely assure Your Majesty, That we will, at all times, assert Your Unpoubted Right to all Your Dominions, with the hazard of our Lives, and all that is dear unto us: And that God Almighty may continue his Blessing unto us, in Your long Life and prosperous Reign over us, is and shall be our continual Prayers.

The following Address from the Borough of *Cricklade*, was presented to His Majesty by *Edm. Dunch* Esq;

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Bayliffs, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Copyholders, Leaseholders, and others, Inhabitants of Your Majesty's antient Borough of *Cricklade*, in the County of *Wilts*.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most Loyal Subjects, do with all Gratitude acknowledge the manifold Blessings and Advantages which you have procured both to the Church and State, and particularly your great Zeal for the Regulation of the Succession to the Crown in the Protestant Line, that so all those Blessings which we now happily enjoy under Your Majesty's most auspicious and unblemish'd Reign, may be continued to us and our Posterity.

And whereas the French *King, the better to support his Ambitious Designs upon the Liberties of* Europe, *hath, amongst his other Devices, set up the pretended Prince of* Wales, *presuming to give him Your Majesty's Royal Title and Dignity, and does thereby threaten these your Kingdoms with the utmost misery, the Extirpation of our Religion, the Subversion of our Constitution, and the Loss of all our Rights and Liberties.*

We therefore, as in Duty bound to Your Majesty, to our selves and our Posterity, do sincerely and unanimously declare our deep Resentment of these Arbitrary Proceedings of the French *King, and that with all Chearfulness we will contribute, to the utmost of our Power, for the Defence of Your Majesty's Sacred Person and Government, and for the maintaining of Your Royal Title and Dignity, and the Succession to the Crown in the Protestant Line, as settled in Parliament, and that against all your Enemies whatsoever,*

The following Address from the City of *New Sarum*, was presented to His Majesty by *Robert Eyre* and *Charles Fox* Esquires.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *New Sarum*.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor and Commonalty of your City of New Sarum, *in Common Council assembled, having reflected with the greatest Detestation and Abhorrence upon the late Affront and Indignity offered to Your Majesty by the* French *King, in acknowledging the pretended Prince of* Wales *to be King of Your Majesty's Dominions; do, with all Humility, beg Leave to assure Your Majesty of our constant Fidelity to your Person and Government; and that we will, to the utmost of our Ability, endeavour to support Your Majesty in the Defence of your Just and Rightful Title to the Crown, and maintain the Succession in the Protestant Line, as 'tis now settled by Act of Parliament, against all Pretenders whatsoever.*

And we most heartily pray, That the Divine Goodness may preserve Your Majesty's Sacred Person, direct your Councils, and give Success to your Undertakings for the Defence of your own Just Rights and the Religion and Liberties of your People; That the great Blessings we now enjoy may be continued to us and our Posterity, and these Kingdoms established in Peace by Your Majesty's long and prosperous Reign over us.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto affixed the Common Seal of the said City, the 29th Day of October, *in the 13th Year of Your Majesty's Reign.*

The following Address from the Borough of *Stafford* was presented to His Majesty by *Thomas Foley* and *John Persehall* Esquires, and *Wm. Feake* Esq; their Deputy Steward, being introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord *Ferrers*, High Steward of the said Borough.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, High Steward, Recorder, Justices of the Peace, Deputy Steward, Aldermen, Capital and other Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough of Stafford.

Most Lawful and Rightful Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's ever Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, are very nearly concerned at the unjust Encroachments and Designs of the French King upon his Neighbouring Nations, which are most manifest by his breaking through the Sacred Ties of his solemn and publick Faith in the late Treaty at *Ryswick*; (which Your Majesty forced him to, for the publick Peace in an equal Ballance of *Europe*) and more particularly in taking upon him, since he procured the Accession of the Power *Spain*, and seized the *Spanish Netherlands*, to Dethrone Your Majesty, our Lawful and Rightful Sovereign, and openly to declare the prerended Prince of *Wales* (educated and instructed in his Principles, Persuasion and Interest) King of these Your Majesty's Dominions, in contempt and Defiance of our Laws for Settling the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, and contrary to the Law of Nations, after Treaties in time of Peace with Your Majesty, by which 'tis most notorious, That he designs to give Kings and Laws to other Nations, and bring the Protestants of these Kingdoms under his Tyranny.

Therefore we take this proper Occasion to repeat our Duty and Allegiance; assuring Your Majesty of our most ready and real Aid and Assistance, with all our Lives and Fortunes, to support Your Majesty's Alliances and Measures abroad for the common Good, Your Majesty's Right to your Realms here, against all Pretenders and Invaders whotsoever; and the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, as settled by Law. And we question not, but our Representatives in Parliament will the next Sessions concur with us in all ways and means conducing to these ends. And for a more solemn Assurance hereof, we have not only put our Hands, but also our Common Seal. Dated at *Stafford* the 20th Day of *October*, in the [illegible] Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

The following Address was presented to His Majesty by Mr. *How*, introduced by His Grace the Duke of *Devonshire* and the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Essex*.

To His most Excellent Majesty, William III. *King of* England, Scotland, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith, &c.*

The Humble Address of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers in and about the City of *London*.

WE Your Majesty's most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, do with all possible Joy congratulate Your Majesty's Safe and Happy Return; after Your